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SUBJECT: DENKTASH PROPOSALS; CLERIDES REJECTION

1. SUMMARY: BELOW ARE THE TEXTS OF DENKTASH'S PROPOSALS FOR A TRANSITIONAL JOINT GOVERNMENT AND CLERIDES'S REJECTION. END SUMMARY.

I. DENKTASH PROPOSALS: BEGIN QUOTE WHEREAS THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CYPRUS, RESULTING FROM THE BITTER EXPERIENCES THROUGH WHICH THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE GONE IN THE PAST, AND ITS CONTINUATION INDEFINITELY AS SUCH, LEAD INEVITABLY TO THE FURTHER ALIENATION AND SEPARATION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AND GREEK CYPRIOTS COMMUNITIES, IT WOULD SERVE THE COMMON INTERESTS OF BOTH NATIONAL COMMUNITIES TO INAUGURATE, WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, A DEGREE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES, AND TO MAINTAIN THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF THE ISLAND, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A BI-REGIONAL FEDERAL STATE.

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THE PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE OF THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES

WHO SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND POWERS IN EVERY RESPECT, LIVING SIDE BY SIDE IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITHIN ONE FEDERAL STATE, NECESSARILY REQUIRES, AS A FIRST STEP, THE CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL TRUST, WHICH WOULD SERVE NOT ONLY THE WELL BEING AND PROSPERITY OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AND GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES, BUT ALSO THE ENHANCEMENT OF PEACE IN THE REGION.

WITH THESE OBJECTIVES IN MIND, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICES TO THE FINAL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRANSITIONAL JOINT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND TO THIS EFFECT, A JOINT DECLARATION BY THE LEADERS OF THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES INCORPORATING THEIR FORMAL AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING BASIC PRINCIPLES, WILL PAVE THE WAY, AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, FOR A JUST AND LASTING POLITICAL SETTLEMENT:

"THE TRANSITIONAL JOINT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING BASIC PRINCIPLES:

1) THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY FOUNDED ON THE BASIS OF THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES, SHALL BE AN INDEPENDENT, TERRITORIALLY INTEGRAL AND BI-REGIONAL FEDERAL STATE. THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND POWERS IN ALL SPHERES AND IN EVERY RESPECT.

2) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL CYPRUS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BE UNITED WITH ANY OTHER STATE IN ANY FORM WHATSOEVER.

3) THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, FOLLOWING A POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, SHALL TAKE PART AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED STATES.

4. ALL NECESSARY MEASURES SHALL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS FROM BECOMING INVOLVED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN ANY ACTIVITY ENDANGERING THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION.

5) THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES SHALL BE FULLY FREE TO OBSERVE AND PROMOTE THEIR RESPECTIVE RELIGIONS, CULTURES AND TRADITIONS IN A DEMOCRATIC MANNER. RELIGION SHALL BE DEPT STRICTLY OUTSIDE THE SPHERE OF THE FEDERAL STATE.  
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6) ALL KINDS OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES AGAINST EACH OTHER IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA SHALL BE STRICTLY PROHIBITED, WHILE INTERNALLY EVERY EFFORT SHALL BE MADE TO ENHANCE THE CLIMATE OF PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TRANSITIONAL JOINT FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT:

THE TRANSITIONAL JOINT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OUTLINED ABOVE, CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS UNDER THE JOINT DIRECTION, GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION OF THE LEADERS OF THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES:

- THE TRANSITIONAL JOINT GOVERNMENT SHALL REGULATE AND CARRY OUT THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FULLY SAFEGUARD THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF BOTH NATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

- THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND REPRESENTATION ABROAD OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.

- THERE SHALL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEALING, IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS, WITH AGREED MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST TO BOTH COMMUNITIES. AS A GENERAL RULE, OFFICIALS OF THE TRANSITIONAL JOINT GOVERNMENT EXERCISING FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT OR THE GREEK CYPRIOT REGIONS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SAME NATIONAL COMMUNITY AS THE REGION CONCERNED.

- THE MINISTRIES SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES; A MINISTER AND HIS DEPUTY SHALL NOT BELONG TO THE SAME COMMUNITY. A MINISTER AND HIS DEPUTY, IN CARRYING OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS, SHALL REMAIN IN CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH EACH OTHER, AND DECISIONS TAKEN SHALL BE SIGNED BY THEM JOINTLY. MATTERS IN DISPUTE SHALL BE DECIDED JOINTLY BY THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES. ALL DECISIONS RELATING TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOWEVER, SHALL, IN ANY EVENT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNED BY THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

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- ALL RESIDUAL POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, NOT EXPRESSLY GIVEN TO THE TRANSITIONAL JOINT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SHALL CONTINUE TO BE EXERCISED BY TURKISH CYPRIOT AND GREEK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALL THE MINISTRIES OF THE RESPECTIVE TURKISH CYPRIOT AND GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION WITHIN THEIR REGIONS.

- THE MATTERS RELATING TO THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENCY SHALL BE DECIDED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE OBJECTIVES PURSUED IN ESTABLISHING A TRANSITIONAL JOINT GOVERNMENT AND THE NECESSARY IMPLICATIONS RESULTING THEREFROM.

- A JOINT SECRETARIAT, UNDER THE JOINT DIRECTION OF THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING SPEEDY RESULTS ON THE FUTURE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, AND ON THE VARIOUS OUTSTANDING SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS QUESTIONS RELATING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONS. THE JOINT SECRETARIAT SHALL ALSO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN FOLLOWING UP AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON THE ABOVE MATTERS.

- THE JOINT SECRETARIAT AND THE MINISTRIES ESTABLISHED UNDER THESE PRINCIPLES SHALL BE LOCATED IN A NEUTRAL AREA EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE FEDERAL OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

- THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FEDERAL JOINT GOVERNMENT SHALL BE REVIEWED AND REVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS WHEN SUCH CONSTITUTION COMES INTO BEING.

- ALL THE EXPENSES OF THE TRANSITIONAL JOINT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHALL BE SHARED ON BASIS OF EQUALITY BY THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES." END QUOTE.

II. CLERIDES REJECTION: BEGIN QUOTE THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF A TRANSITIONAL JOINT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WERE SENT TO ME AT 5:00 PM THIS AFTERNOON AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND CANNOT EVEN FORM THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THEY ARE AIMING AT THE ABOLITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, WHICH HAS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE OCCUPATION BY THE TURKISH FORCES OF 40 PERCENT OF THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC.

NO TRANSITIONAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS POSSIBLE WHILST THE TURKISH MILITARY CONTINUE TO OCCUPY TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC. FURTHERMORE THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE SO DEBEGNED AS TO PREJUDGE THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BY COMPELLING THE GREEK-CYPRIOT SIDE TO ACCEPT NOT ONLY THE PRINCIPLE OF A BIREGIONAL FEDERAL STATE, BUT ALSO THE EQUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, IGNORING THE FACT THAT THE GREEK COMMUNITY CONSTITUTES 82 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF CYPRUS, WHILST THE TURKISH COMMUNITY CONSTITUTES ONLY THE 18 PERCENT. END QUOTE.  
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